

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
DIVISION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 20 February 2013

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room
68-1 Cranston, RI 02920**

TIME: 9:00 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Christopher A. Duhamel, PE, PLS,
Vice Chairman Wayne Moore, PE, Secretary Farhoumand, PE and
Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE
Board Members**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Louis A. DeQuattro, Jr., Deputy Director &
Counsel, Division of Regulatory Standards, Compliance and
Enforcement**

Neena Savage, Esq., Chief of Legal Services

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Duhamel called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM to commence Board business

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Acceptance of the 16 January 2013 minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Aldinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the 16 January 2013 Board meeting. Mr. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members. Ihenacho seconded the motion.

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Duhamel made a motion to convene into executive session at 10:06 AM pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-(5)(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

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Mr. Aldinger moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to open meeting at 10:12 AM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

Mr. Aldinger moved to seal the minutes of the executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4 and §42-46-5 and to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with RI General Laws, §42-46-4 as follows: “Old Business” C2012-1 continued and P2012-6 continued. “Monitoring” P2012-1 continued. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Chairman Duhamel voted, “I”, Vice Chairman Moore voted “I”, Secretary Farhoumand voted “I”, Mr. Aldinger voted “I”, and Mr. Ihenacho voted “I”. In Executive Session pending matters, there are (3) pending matter.

(3) Professional Engineering Rules and Regulations

Attorney Savage met with the Board of Registration of Professional Land Surveyors and is requesting of both Boards that they exchange their proposed Rules & Regulations for each to review to the extent that there are any issued that need to be resolved before they go to public hearing. Attorney Savage stated that this issue will be reviewed across all four boards and that the same task and procedures are the same. Attorney Savage will be reviewing an important issue regarding engineering technology statutory

requirements.

She will issue a written opinion as to what she thinks the parameters are and whether the parameters that the Board has sent forth in the proposed Rules and Regulations fit within the confines of the statute as currently drafted. The Department of Business Regulation is depending on each Board to oversee the adoption of their Rules and Regulations.

(4) Joint Board Workshop

Chairman Duhamel informed the Board that The Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors continues to work on language for a Joint Board Bulletin.

(5) DBR Legislation

Attorney DeQuattro stated that the other three Boards which comprise the Division of Design Professionals had already accepted the final draft of the Omnibus Bill Relating to Design Professionals which includes language for all four Boards. The Board received the current talking points for review. This was the first time that the Board members had viewed the Omnibus Bill with its current talking points. The Board members will review the bill and the current talking points and contact Attorney DeQuattro with their comments. Mr. Aldinger asked Attorney DeQuattro to send all the Board members a final draft of the bill for their review and comments

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(6) NCEES Computer-Based Testing

Effective January 1, 2014 the transition of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination to computer-based testing becomes effective. There are two options available for approval to sit for the FE examination. Option one is that the examinees apply to NCEES and attest that they understand that approval to sit for the examination does not mean that they will be automatically be certified. They must file an application with an engineering licensing board and meet that board's requirements.

Option two is that the board must manually approve examinees for each examination attempt. Once approved by the board, examinees registers with NCEES and results can be released to boards or directly to the examinees. Mr. Aldinger made a motion that the Board's current policy of examinees submitting their applications to the Board for review before they are allowed to sit for the FE examination remain. Secretary Farhoumand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

(7) NCEES Candidates for Election

So noted and filed.

APPLICATIONS:

(8) Jeffrey Thoens

The Board has referred Mr. Thoens comity application to the legal division for further review.

P.E. COMITY:

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Chairman Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

Frey, J.R. AZ Civil Patterson, Phillip M. NJ Mech.

Gebhardt, Thomas E. GA Mech. Robinson, Paul E. MA Elec.

Harbert, Ryan S. OR Elec. Roop, Robert N. NJ Mech.

Hoff, Michelle L. NE Civil Tschantz, David P. OH Elec.

Hua, Kermit W. CT Civil Velickovic, Natasha MA Civil

Luther, James G. GA Mech. White, Brian E. NY Civil

Madrona, Cerenico G. CA Civil Winnell, Stephen T. NC Struc.

McKenzie, Gerald R. UT Civil Zelada-Tumialan, Giuiana KS Civil

Paggioli, Kimberly H. TX Civil

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PE. COMITY DENIED:

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to deny comity to James E. Seckel due to the fact that the Board does not recognize NCEES Group II examination or Architectural Engineering as a discipline. Chairman Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

Seckel, James E.

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS:

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 20 February 2013 list for Sole Proprietorships, Corporations, Limited Liability, and Change in Responsible Charge, as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with no exceptions. None were denied. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

CORPORATION

BEARDSLEY DESIGN ASSOCIATES CIVIL

BOUCHER & HEUREUX, INC. CIVIL

HRP ASSOCIATES, INC. ENVIRON & CIVIL

**SDII GLOBAL CORPORATION STRUCTURAL
SIMPSON STRONG TIE COMPANY CIVIL
STRUCTURAL ENG. CORP. dba STRUCTURAL
ATLANTIC ENGINEERING SERVICES**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

ADI ENERGY MECHANICAL

B.M.C. ENGINEERS, LLC STRUCTURAL

INTEGRATED MACHINERY SOLUTION MECHANICAL

RAPOSO ENGINEERING CONSULTING CIVIL

AMENDED APPLICATIONS/ CHANGE IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE

COA #LLC 134 A/Z DESIGN SERVICES, LLC

ADDING MATTHEW E. JACQUES IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE.

COA#LLC25 GARY C. LAMOND, PE, LLC .

ADDING SUSAN B. CAPASSO IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE.

COA#6059 URBAN ENGINEERS, INC.

**REMOVING MICHAEL HALL AND ADDING DAVID STEELE IN
RESPONSIBLE CHARGE**

COA#5639 SYMMES MAINI & MCKEE ASSOCIATES

ADDING CHARLES N.STRICKLAND, III IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for 20 March 2013 at 9:00 AM.

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45AM. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho Board Members.

Posted on 27 March, 2013 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.

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